

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Mary Jean Simon, and we are richer because Mary Jean lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Mary Jean was born on July 2, 1922, in Newell, South Dakota, to Homer and Agnes Ayres, was raised in Zeona, South Dakota, attended first two years of high school at Spring Creek High School and graduated from Sorum High School in Sorum, South Dakota, and attended Black Hills State University; and,

Whereas, Mary Jean married Dale Simon on June 8, 1943, and to this union they were blessed with one child, three grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Mary Jean resides in Spearfish, South Dakota, and will observe her 95th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather on June 24, 2017, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 2, 2017, as

MARY JEAN SIMON DAY

in South Dakota, and I join her family and friends in wishing her a happy birthday.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State